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Parkway Opened By Gov. Driscoll

Impressive Ceremonies Mark
Opening of First 4-Mile
Section

On Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 p. m., June 28, 1950, the first section of New Jersey's first parkway, Route 4, was dedicated and opened to traffic by Governor Alfred E. Driscoll and Spencer Miller, Jr., former State Highway Commissioner.

The dedication ceremonies took place at Madison Hill overlook and picnic area in Clark Township, Union County. More than 800 interested spectators took advantage of the cool afternoon to attend the opening exercises and drive over the first four miles of the Parkway, between Central Avenue in Clark Township and the Route 27 interchange near Iselin. The opening of this section of the Parkway gave the motoring public its first opportunity to observe the completed section which had been started in November, 1946.

Some of the parkway design features that attracted attention were: the acceleration and deceleration lanes for safe merging of traffic; locations for gasoline station facilities; beautiful bridges with stone facing; the development of the overlook and picnic areas for the convenience and relaxation of motorists; the newly developed stabilized turf shoulders for emergency stops and breakdowns; and the landscaping of the medial zone and roadside areas.

CAFETERIA TO PRO- VIDE GOOD FOOD, SOCIABILITY

When the cafeteria is opened upon the completion of the new building, we will have one of the finest of its kind in any office building.

It will be modern, clean and comfortable. Commissioner Abbott has insisted that the best of food be served at the lowest possible prices. To accomplish this it was necessary for the State to operate the cafeteria itself. The kitchen will be rigidly inspected at all times, and all should thoroughly enjoy the excellent service the cafeteria will afford.

Equally important as the food to be served will be the opportunity for our employees to mingle with their fellow workers. It is hoped that no unit will have a desire to segregate itself, but rather emphasize mingling with other employees at all times. It is an ideal way to know the "other fellow" better.

It is the desire of all that the employees of Fernwood Garage enjoy the full benefits of the cafeteria. The finest suit of clothes that any man can wear is his working clothes and each one should feel welcome to come as he works and enjoy the facilities of the cafeteria.

DON'T FORGET

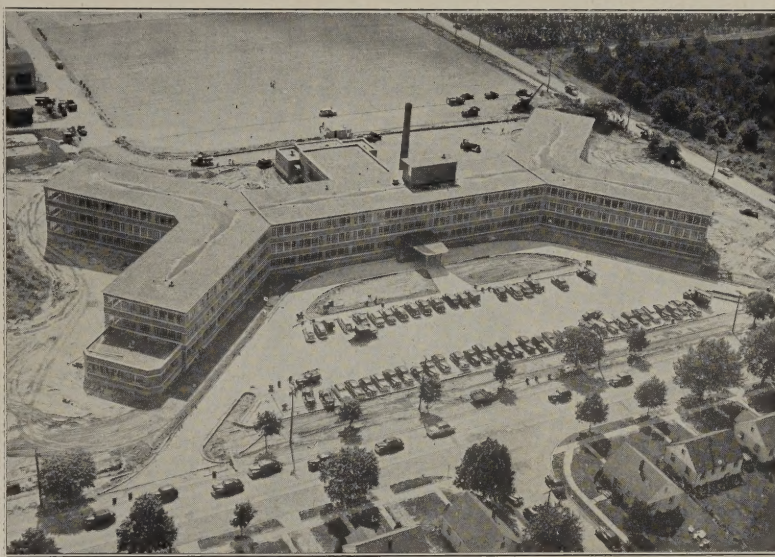
THE

10 YR. OUTING
AUGUST 26

Trenton Fair Grounds

Route 33

Tickets, \$2.00



The entire State Highway Building and spacious parking areas are clearly shown in this aerial view taken by Francis Leigh of Trenton. The cafeteria and kitchens are shown extending to the rear, while the hearing room can be seen at the end of the wing in the left foreground. The street paralleling the front of the building is Parkway Avenue. Upper Ferry Road runs diagonally across the background.

BRIGHT OFFICES-ADEQUATE SPACE WIN APPROVAL AT FERNWOOD

NEW STATE HIGHWAY BUILDING SETS HIGH
STANDARD IN EFFICIENT DESIGN

With the major portion of the moving operation completed, the State Highway Department is gradually adjusting itself to its new surroundings. First reports from the men and women who have made the change are overwhelmingly enthusiastic. They like the spacious offices, the color scheme, the rest room facilities, and most of all, they enjoy the breezes that blow across the countryside while mid-city Trenton swelters.

When the cafeteria is completed and the elevator service is installed, the State Highway Building will afford the last word in modern office housing. Until then, minor inconveniences will be cheerfully tolerated.

Efficient Layout

The space allocation has been worked out in such a manner as to place each division as close as possible to the other divisions with which it has the most contacts. This scheme has been carried even further. Within each division, itself, every consideration was given to the placement of individual offices so that the necessary inter-office contacts can be maintained with the greatest efficiency.

Let us assume that you are entering the new building for the first time and that all construction work has been completed. As you step through the large glass doors at the main entrance, you enter a smartly furnished lobby where a receptionist will direct you to your destination, or where you can comfortably wait for your appointment.

Adjacent to the lobby are public telephones and the elevators, also a refreshment stand which will be run by the Commission for the Blind. Rest rooms and toilet facilities are nearby.

As you walk along the corridors of the State Highway Building, (Continued on Page 2)

STATEMENT BY COMMISSIONER R. J. ABBOTT

I am the newest employee of the State Highway Department and apparently the only one thus far to come up through the ranks to the position of State Highway Commissioner. This background affords me an opportunity to be fully aware of the unusual ability of the men and women that comprise this fine organization.

We hope to accelerate the productive ability of the entire Department, but in doing so will refrain from giving any orders. On the other hand, we invite the complete cooperation of all hands.

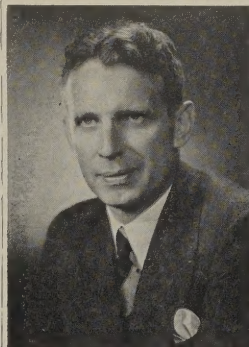
I abhor the methods of production that would demand "a pound of flesh" to obtain results, but I will put forth every effort to earn "a pound of friendship."

Together, I am confident we can do a wonderful job. In doing so, the credit will be entirely yours and, for my part, I will assume the criticisms that may come our way.

We are a business organization and if I may use the vernacular of the Navy, it is my desire to operate "a taut but happy ship."

I am delighted to return again and work with my associates of long standing.

BUILDING SPONSOR



GOV. ALFRED E. DRISCOLL

It is most appropriate that I, as the new State Highway Commissioner, request that the first edition of THE HIGHWAY to be published under my administration be dedicated to our fine new State Highway Building which is now rapidly nearing completion and to Governor Alfred E. Driscoll who is its sponsor and basic designer.

It is a great credit to the capable men and women of the State Highway Department that the Governor has singled out our organization to be the first to be housed in an office building designed and planned to meet our complete needs for both the present and foreseeable future.

We are indeed proud to dedicate this issue of THE HIGHWAY to Governor Driscoll as a means of expressing our appreciation for his keen interest and foresight in making it possible to modernize and streamline the working efficiency of the State Highway Department.

R. J. ABBOTT,
State Highway Commissioner

Ten Year Club Annual Outing Set for August 26

Fair Grounds at Trenton
Scene of 19th Renewal

Here's a date to remember—Saturday, August 26, 1950. On that day the Ten Year Club will hold its 19th Annual Outing at the State Fair Grounds near Trenton.

According to Clyde W. Case, president of the organization, this year's affair will be "bigger and better" than ever for a good many reasons. "To begin with," he said, "we have at last found the ideal place for an affair of this kind. That was proved by the success of last year's outing. Since then word has spread to those who did not attend last year's outing so that the ticket demand is heavier than in any former year."

Case explained that there was enough cover available at the Fair Grounds to assure a successful day even in the event of rain.

The entertainment committee, under the direction of John Rochford, 1st vice president, has guaranteed that those who attend can "eat all day if they want to," and "there will be plenty of liquid refreshments on hand with which to wash it down."

In addition to the eats and drink, a big program of sports has been planned. The old standbys, the quoit tournament and soft ball game, will, of course, be the main attractions. But for those who like to try their hands at other sports, a full program will be offered.

Prizes, prizes, and more prizes will be the order of the day. Some will be handed out to successful competitors in sports. Others will go to the lucky holders of winning tickets when the draw is held for door prizes. There are plenty of them, so you probably will be among the lucky winners—provided you are on hand.

Art Egan, of the Accounting Division, is general chairman in charge of the ticket sales. He has field and office representatives in all sections of the State who have tickets for sale. The advance sale is above expectations, so plan on being there yourself. Tickets are priced at \$2.00. Remember the date—AUGUST 26—and the place—STATE FAIR GROUNDS on Route 33 near Trenton.

Inspect Roadsides

The annual meeting of Coordinators of Division I, Highway Research Board, was held at the Princeton Inn, Princeton, N. J., on Wednesday, June 21, 1950, through Friday, June 23, 1950. A group of fourteen landscape engineers and landscape architects from the New England district spent part of the session traveling over different portions of the New Jersey State Highway system inspecting roadside improvement projects.

Some of the interesting work that was viewed on the field trip on June 22 included: the development of the experimental stabilized turf shoulders on Route 30 near Woodville; the Rockefeller Memorial Highway, Route 40; the Blue Star Drive, Route 29; and Route 4 Parkway, from Woodbridge to Cranford.

Mr. George Gordon, landscape architect, from the design section of the Bureau of Public Roads, and Miss Olive E. Potter, of Contractors & Engineers Monthly, also attended the meeting.

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Operation Fernwood

The Herculean task of transferring the State Highway Department's base of operations from the State House Annex to its modern headquarters on Parkway Avenue at Fernwood in Ewing Township got under way in a torrential downpour on Monday, July 17.

As the first van pulled away from the familiar West State St. address, which had been the headquarters for the Department for more than 20 years, it signalled the realization of Governor Driscoll's desire to house, efficiently and economically, under a single roof one of the great agencies of the State.

Few outside of the Highway Department, itself, realize the long planning and careful detail that preceded the actual moving operation. And few within the Department knew the manner in which a stepped-up building construction schedule had made this move possible within 12 months from the date of original ground breaking.

One of the best features of the moving was the manner in which the everyday work of the Department was carried on, almost enroute, as it were, while the transfer was being made. Sure, there were little gripes here and there. But considering the magnitude of the operation, it is a testimony to careful planning that inconvenience was not encountered on a larger scale.

While a few elements of the Department remain in mid-town Trenton awaiting completion of their quarters at Fernwood, the vast bulk of the divisions are functioning at full efficiency in their new quarters. An experienced State Highway Department in modern surroundings is ready to tackle the big job that lies ahead.

SURVEY and PLANS

FRED C. CLAUS

CRANFORD Jim Roper

Our congratulations to Irving and Shirley Rubinstein on the birth of their son Barry Martin on May 19. Shirley is the daughter of Bill Hapsburg of the Newark Office, so our congratulations, too, to the new grandpa. Irving, incidentally, was the top man in his math class at the Newark College of Engineering for the past term.

Mike Ritchie, Walter Braybrooke, Charlie Loveland, and Ray Callahan are now all "new car owners."

During the month of June Mr. and Mrs. Braybrooke were down at Annapolis for the graduation festivities. Their son received his commission in the Air Corps and is now at home with his parents on leave.

Congratulations to Bill Kirchner of our office who came out at the top of the list in the exam for junior bridge inspector, and on the subject of examinations, the boys here all did well on the exams for aide, junior and assistant engineering, Highway.

Bob Lott, Charlie Smith, Bert Pittis, and Harry Johnson, all of whom were here before, have returned to work with us for the summer. John Miller and John Groome are summer employees here for the first time. Welcome, fellows.

Bob Lewis, engineering aide, resigned to resume his studies at M. I. T.

Bill and Margaret Beck are planning a motor trip through Canada sometime during August.

A short "test section" of Route 4 (Parkway) was opened on June 28 and construction on the remainder of a ten-mile section is nearing completion.

Sy and Dot Berger are now settled in their new trailer and are very pleased and happy with their "home on wheels."

A group of us from this office who attended the testimonial dinner for our former Commissioner

Spencer Miller, Jr., enjoyed the afternoon and the opportunity to inspect the beautiful new State Highway Office Building.

UPPER MONTCLAIR Frank J. Spagnola

Let's congratulate John V. Lincoln's son William, and Siddon Neville's son Joseph. Bill received his B. S. degree at Fairleigh Dickinson, and Joe received his B. S. from Wagner College, New York.

The scene: Westside High School, Newark, on June 24.

The reason: C. S. exams for principal engineer and senior engineer. It was rough and the temp hit 90 degrees that day. Those from Upper Montclair who sweated it out were DiGiacomo, Sanwald, Weiss, Demarest, Bubier, Amento, Gornitzky, McMahon, Moritz, and Spagnola, for principal engineer; Berberick, Zampella, Haight, Nickens, Podwysynski, Prestigiacomo, Fuca, Stenson, and Tancordo, for senior engineer.

Harold Kettlewood still has his arthritis, but he is improving day by day.

Joseph Artusio, Jr., is with us again. Joe was on official leave so that he could finish his last year at Newark College of Engineering—he made it with flying colors.

Met John A. Brown, one of our temporary engineering aides—nice boy, quiet.

Sanwald just finished plans for a small contract. Now he's looking for a small contractor to do the job—one about 5'2" will do.

At last he's weakening—Joe Pappaceno says he is to be married in the near future—he's building a new home in Oakland.

Podwysynski and Sullivan got back from Pine Camp Army maneuvers. They're alerted and wiser—and deeply tanned.

Incidentally, Leroy Sullivan recently passed the examination and received his professional engineer's license.

Glad to report Mrs. Ray Simp-

THE DRAFTSMAN'S FINISH

With clouding wits, the Draftsman sits
And pushes pens and pencils,
While day by day years slide away
Among his inks and stencils.
He works and works, and never shirks,
(He couldn't do without it),
And if he stops, asleep he drops,
And then he dreams about it.
With head that sinks, and frame that shrinks,
He does his toilsome duties
Without a glance toward gay romance,
And blind to all its beauties.
And when at last, his life is past
There comes no chance to show it,
For draftsmen are dead for years ahead
Before they ever know it.
Anon.

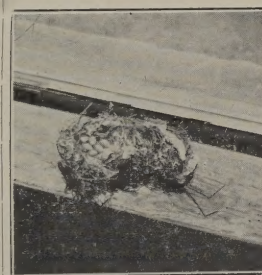
THEY FLEW THE COOP

Any similarity between the "birds and bees" and an Ozalid machine should be purely coincidental as it turned out to be at the Cranford office of Col. Braybrooke. When their Ozalid printer began to heat up unnaturally it was at first attributed to the summer temperatures.



Where the Nest Was Built

When the heat persisted, however, a serviceman was rushed to the scene. He inspected without success all cooling apparatuses, including the blower fan. Then upon inspecting the exhaust pipe he discovered the trouble.



Nest After Removal

Two sparrows had decided that here was the ideal spot to raise a family and accordingly had built a nest. The troubleshooter, a family man himself, decided that it was not cricket to evict the happy couple which by now had six eggs in the nest. He accordingly removed the section of pipe in which the future sextuplets were to be raised and replaced it with another piece. The piece thus removed was then taped to the new section. An ideal solution, so he thought.

However, mama and papa sparrow had other ideas and flew the coop. Not long ago, when all hope of their return was abandoned, the nest was removed.

son is recovering nicely, after two weeks at the hospital.

John Matchett, fish and game sportsman, is now a golfer—his latest hobby.

Al Zampella is having car trouble again, and Harold Weiss is still limping—those knee ligaments take a long time to heal.

LEWIS ST. & HAMILTON SQUARE OFFICES

Joe Cunningham

Summer employees assigned to this office include the following men: Howard Blustein, John Curran, Jr., Ed Fairer, Armstrong Farmer, W. R. Foster, Robert Keating, Richard Walklett, R. L. Whiteley, and A. R. Willey.

The men of the Lewis St. and

BRIGHT OFFICE - ADEQUATE SPACE

(Continued from Page 1)

you will notice that all partitions are made of Transite, a new composition material manufactured by the Johns-Manville Co. These partitions are so designed that they can be readily moved in case a larger or smaller office is required.

With the exception of Commissioner Abbott's suite on the first floor at the end of the south wing, all walls are painted a soft bluish green, with doors of darker hue. The ceilings are an off-white and are made of a perforated pulp board which deadens sounds and makes for better acoustics. The floors are covered with a marbleized linoleum in shades of buff and tan, with the exception of the lobby and a small portion of corridor extending either side of it. Here the color of the linoleum is darker, combining shades of maroon and brown.

You will notice also that the long corridors of the building need no artificial illumination during the daylight hours due to the fact that all offices have large translucent glass panels on their inner walls through which light passes.

Cafeteria Will Seat 300

The cafeteria, which is situated on the first floor in the rear of the main section of the building, is designed to seat 300 persons. Seventy-five tables, seating four each, will be spaced about the large room. At the far end of the cafeteria, behind a glass block partition, is the kitchen and serving counter.

Although the receptionist will direct all visitors to the Highway Building, let us take a general look around and see where some of the familiar faces can be found. (A table accompanying the plan of the building will give more detailed information.) The Commissioner's suite, Administration Division, Real Estate, Title Bureau, Purchase & Stores, Personnel, and Public Relations will be found on the first floor, as will the Mail Room, Mimeograph Room, Central Files, and the Survey and Plans offices now located on Lewis St. and at Hamilton Square. Other offices on the first floor are: Contractors' Classification, Federal Aid Coordinator, and Legal.

Hamilton Square Offices wish to thank publicly Paul Seffrin for conducting the evening classes of the Hamilton Square Office. These classes certainly helped some of the men pass the recent Civil Service examinations.

Two new contracts have been let on the Trenton Freeway. Tom King and party are staking the Canal Culvert, and the paving from Conover's Alley to Perry St. is being staked by two parties. Al Hartman's and Bill Nochumson's.

The last section to complete the dualization of Route No. 25 is now under contract at Yardville and is being staked by Hank Cramer and party.

NEWARK

Paul Perry

Howard Rigby has just returned from a 10,000-mile western trip traversing 20 states with sight-distances into such worthwhile areas as Rocky Mt. National Park, Grand Canyon National Park, Yosemite National Park, Yellowstone National Park, Pacific Northwest, Salt Lake City, Black Hills, etc. Fifty-foot snow drifts stopped Howard from examining Mt. Rainier.

Our neighbors, the Planning, Traffic & Economics Division, pulled up stakes very abruptly and moved to Trenton on July 12.

Winnie Pugh's new hair-do does something—we are not quite sure just what.

It is rumored that Joe Bruno is about to invest in an Oldsmobile '88.

Harold Lange is migrating to Orley Beach to enjoy a vacation with his family during the last part of July.

Vernon Dittig will spend his vacation at Surf City.

Andrew Bielawski is devoting two weeks to training in the National Guard at Pine Camp, N. Y.

The following engineering aides have joined our ranks in the survey crews: Edward Finkel, Sebastian Gallella, and Walter Quense.

The hearing room, where bids will be received and public hearings held, is located at the end of the east wing. This room, finished in soft browns and walnut paneling, is about the same size as the room which was used for this purpose in the State House Annex. As formerly, the chief clerk and secretary, A. Lee Grover, will be located next to the hearing room.

Three large divisions are located on the second floor together with smaller bureaus. Here are Maintenance, Auditing and Accounting, and Planning, Economics and Traffic Divisions, as well as Compensation and Claims, Hourly Payroll, and Parkway Bureaus.

The third floor might well be considered the engineering nerve center, though engineering in several phases is done elsewhere. It is here that the State Highway Engineer, the Division of Design and Construction, Survey and Plans, State Aid Projects, the Bridge Division, the Electrical Division, and their associated offices are to be found. Here also is the Plan File section.

Although the basement of the Highway Building extends only under the center, or main section of the building, it too is utilized to the fullest extent. Down here, away from the constant inter-office communication of the upper floors, are the Model Shop, the Photographic Laboratory, the Soils Section of Survey and Plans, and storage facilities. Also the custodial forces will have their headquarters in the basement.

Unlimited Parking Space

There are two parking areas adjoining the building. In front a space has been laid out to accommodate about 60 cars. It is understood that this parking area will be restricted to the use of visitors. In the rear, however, is the main parking lot capable of storing 300 cars. This has already been marked out in individual spaces. This lot is surfaced with blacktop and drivers enter or leave it by way of Lower Ferry Road which runs alongside the building.

Although the architecture of the Highway Building is purely functional, its very simplicity and pleasing proportions make it a thing of beauty. This beauty will be further enhanced when the landscaping has been completed.

No article on the State Highway Building would be complete without a congratulatory word to the architects Mickelwright and Mountford, and the Bell Company, the general contractors, both of Trenton. The job they did speaks for itself.

PROJECTS PARAGRAPHS

E. L. MEYER

Julia Berman, of Mr. Harris' office, is now Mrs. Jules B. Cohen. The wedding took place on June 11 and the new husband is the brother of Lee Cohen of Mr. Newmark's office.

Dick Glasgow has just returned from the Shriners' Convention in Los Angeles. It must have been quite a trip, as Dick evidently had the time of his life for three weeks.

John Franssen enjoyed his vacation by traveling to New England with his family. One of the highlights of the trip was eating the fish that ten-year old "Willie" caught.

Al Faxon was fortunate enough to return from military leave, while Joe Jones is just starting on his. We hope he returns, too.

Joe Aiello and his wife left for a trip to Canada to revisit some of the places they liked so much while on their honeymoon last year.

The Projects Division wishes to welcome Miss Lucille Russo, who is replacing Mrs. Sherman of Franssen's office.

We wish to extend our sincere sympathy to the family of Inspector Bert Soffield, who died on June 25 after several years of illness.

Bert, who made his home in Seawarren, was an old-timer, having been with the Highway Department more than twenty years.

May we also express our sympathy to Inspector Segars who lost his father recently.

Administration Division

BILL WARD

Dispatches from the front indicate that Fernwood has been completely encircled and is now occupied in force by our troops. In a torrential rain, detachments of a division commanded by **General A. W. Muir** stormed the beaches and established positions. The second wave of attack was led by the division under the command of **General C. A. Hurley**, followed by elements of other divisions. The situation is now stabilized and reinforcements are arriving in regular order.

Some discomfort was suffered because of the failure of the field kitchen to function. Field rations were issued and scouting parties spread out through the countryside. One reconnaissance team reported an excellent source of food and drink in a locale called, in the native tongue, Glendale.

All scouting parties returned safely.

Elgin Mayer lost his car last month. A few days later the police of Jersey City reported it had been found, abandoned in that city. A member of this staff living in Jersey City categorically denies that there is any connection between the two facts, but seems to have difficulty in proving it.

Harry Hill, whose lawn is reported to be one of the showplaces of Ewing, has no faith in power mowers. He uses his own power to achieve that well groomed look. Harry has perfected a running start with the mower that is the talk and envy of all horse-and-buggy fanciers in those parts.

Consider the plight of **George Dederick** who lives in the far northern reaches of New Jersey. He rises at an ungodly hour every morning to make the trip to Trenton, now Fernwood. The other day George's train came into Trenton ten minutes late, which started a chain of events that had him standing on street corners waiting for buses that had just passed or which never came. When he finally arrived at Fernwood, weary, sore and perplexed, someone brightly asked him, "How's commuting these days, George?" George told him. Right in the teeth.

LABORATORY LINES

CHRIS KUCKER

We welcome back to the Laboratory **Captain C. L. Lynn**. Capt. Lynn has been on active duty for the past 2½ years, seeing service in Japan, Okinawa and other smaller islands in the Pacific. Mrs. Lynn accompanied the Captain on his travels, presenting him with a son and heir born about five months ago while in Japan.

Mr. and Mrs. George Hutchinson are the proud parents of a new son born in July—their third child, the other two being girls.

Fred Baumann attended the sessions of the A.S.T.M. held in Atlantic City the latter part of June. **Herb Diefenderfer**, **Ralph Sherman**, and **Jule Smoliga** also attended the various sessions which were devoted to their sphere of work.

Back on the job after an absence of several months is **James Ryan**. Jim was severely injured last October while participating in a football game.

Steve Druzbacky has returned to work after recuperating from an emergency appendicitis operation.

Tom MacRorie took full advantage of the long 4th of July weekend—flying to Charlotte, N. C., for a visit with his family.

Peg Beatty, now hollering at the new office building, was the winner of a fine set of Lenox dinner ware at a recent raffle.

On June 24 Miss Ann Ryan and John Rochford were married. These are familiar names as they are the daughter and son of **Bill Ryan** of the Lab and **Jack Rochford** of the Equipment Division.

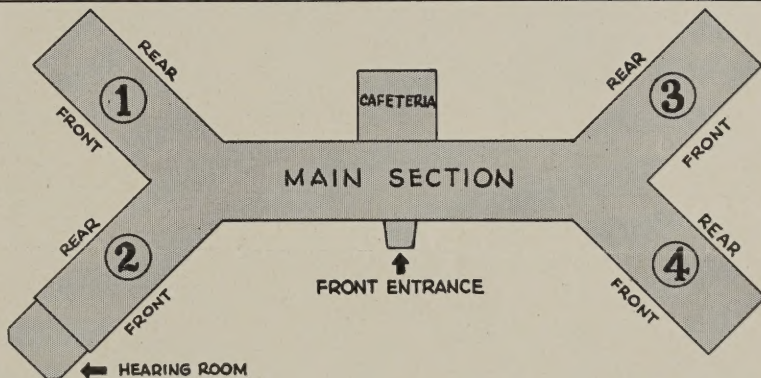
Back on the job for the sum-

TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALLGAME



On Saturday, June 10, members of the Bridge Division Club journeyed to Philadelphia and watched the Boston Red Sox defeat the Philadelphia Athletics in a loosely played ball game. Shown above in the first row are: **W. Higginson**, **A. Stetser**, **B. Elsbergas**, **P. Gabrenas**, **M. Ludasy**, and **H. Lefferson**; second row: **J. Malone**, **C. Fox**, **S. Hedin**, and **J. Sheenan**; third row: **J. Evans**, **A. Lichtenberg**, **F. Dileo**, **M. Goodkind**, **J. Stanley**, and **G. Hefferman**.

WHERE TO FIND THE VARIOUS OFFICES



PARKWAY AVENUE

1st FLOOR

Commissioner's Suite	Wing 1	front and rear
Personnel Office	" 1	front
Central Files	" 1	rear
Chief Clerk & Sec'y	" 2	front
Public Relations	" 2	rear
Legal	" 2	rear
Salary Payroll	" 2	front
Federal Aid Coordinator	Main	"
Purchase & Stores	"	"
Contractors' Classification	"	"
Telephone Operators	"	rear
Library	"	"
Stock Room	"	"
Mail Room	"	front
Duplicating Room	"	rear
Real Estate	Wing 3	"
Survey & Plans (field office)	" 3	front
Title Bureau	" 4	front and rear

2nd FLOOR

Maintenance Div.	Wing 1	front and rear
Auditing & Accounting	" 2	" " "
"	Main	"
Compensation & Claims	"	rear
Planning & Economics	"	"
"	Wing 3	front and rear
"	" 4	"
Parkway Bureau	Main	front

3rd FLOOR

Bridge Division	Wing 2	front and rear
State Aid Projects	" 1	" " "
State Highway Engineer	Main	front
Asst. State Highway Eng.	"	"
Survey & Plans	"	rear
"	Wing 3	front and rear
Electrical Division	" 4	" " "
Plan Files	" 4	" " "

mer months are **Richard Watov** of Duke, **Ted Hillman** of Lafayette, and **Dave Seales**, who will enter Rutgers in the fall.

Our sympathies are extended to **Francis McDermott** upon the

death of his sister, Mrs. E. L. Connors.

Corp. Wm. Hutchinson has returned to the Lab, having been on an annual training period at Pine Camp, N. Y.

Glamor Gossip

DORIS and JOAN

Our first few days in this beautiful new Highway building were really our idea of roughing it. We made our grand entrance through pouring rain and knee-deep mud. Then to top that we had to crawl under boards to get through the doors. Because of the damp weather, most of the girls went around with their curly locks falling in strands in their eyes. If this paints a gloomy picture, please don't mistake us, because we love it.

A luncheon was held at Jack Hanson's in May for **Mable Parker**, who is expecting a visit from the stork. The affair turned out to be quite a success, especially since the hostess was **Claire Lacconi**. We hear Mabel's husband, **Russ Parker**, also with the Highway, is getting to be very domestic. Keep up the good work, Russ.

For the second consecutive summer, our school teacher, **Agnes Santaniello**, is back in Maintenance with us. Agnes acquired her new last name since we last saw her and our belated good wishes are extended to her.

Florence Millerick spent a weekend in Seaside Heights recently and came back with a nice tan. **Dottie Jantz** reports Bayhead is a wonderful spot for a week of fun. **Lena Ciano** enjoyed day trips during her vacation; and **Florence King** of Planning, Traffic and Economics spent two weeks in Florida and found it just as wonderful as ever.

Our congratulations go out to **Marion Shestko** of the Right-of-Way Division on her recent marriage to **John Vannat** of Clifton. Good luck and much happiness in the future to Marion and John.

Wedding bells also rang out for **Ann Bainbridge** and **Jim Hamilton**, both from Planning and Survey. Just back from a honeymoon in Florida, they appear to be very happy and we wish their happiness to continue through the years.

See you in the next issue, 'Bye now.

Receptionist Will Direct Visitors at New Building

Something new has been added. The Highway Department is to have a receptionist at its new Fernwood home. The young lady who will direct the thousands of annual visitors and handle the details of their appointments is **Dorothy Stam**.



DOROTHY STAM

Dottie, as she likes to be called, is a native of Trenton and a graduate (1945) of Cathedral High. Before transferring to the Highway Department, she served in a similar capacity at Civil Service. Prior to that she worked as a stenographer for a title company.

The wife of **Elmer "Pete" Stam**, who works as an auto mechanic for the Equipment Division, **Dottie** has been married for slightly over a year. Although she disclaims any hobbies, she admits to a particular liking for telecast wrestling bouts. **Gorgeous George** and **Mr. America** are among her favorites.

In recent years **Dottie** has done quite a little portrait modeling for photographers. If you have a camera it might not be a bad idea to bring it to work some day. You won't break any lenses.

BRIDGE BRIEFS

TED KISELEWICZ

A vote of thanks to **Chester Smith** who ably handled this column for the past year.

Congratulations to **Morris Goodkind** who received his doctor of engineering degree at the Newark College of Engineering on June 14.

Congratulations are also in order for **Dr. and Mrs. William G. Blue**, the latter being the former **Miss Bernice J. Rankin**, daughter of **Samuel Rankin**, both of whom were presented their degrees by President Truman at the University of Missouri commencement exercises.

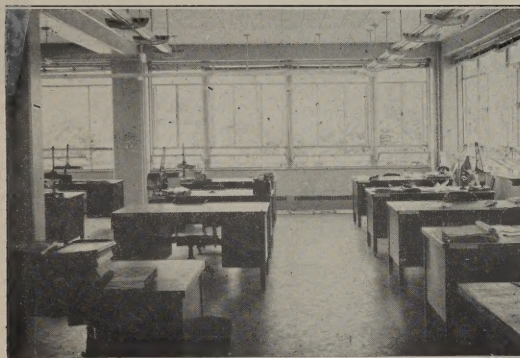
Welcome to **Phil Burch, Jr.**, who will be with us for the summer. Phil returns to Rutgers in the fall to complete his studies in civil engineering.

One of the less interested spectators at the Route 4 Parkway opening ceremonies was two year old **Susan Gordon**, daughter of **George Gordon**. Overheard her ask George, "Daddy, will I see any boats here?"

The Bridge Division Club Executive Board convened recently to make final plans for our annual outing to be held at the Pines in Metuchen on September 9.



Modernism is the keynote of the entrance of the new building where cars may drive under the shelter of an overhanging concrete slab to discharge their passengers. Across the front of the building large stainless steel letters clearly identify it as the home of the Highway Department.



A fine example of office layout is shown in this view of a corner office of Planning, Traffic & Economics. The abundance of daylight is controlled by metal Venetian blinds. In this particular room fluorescent fixtures supply artificial light when needed.

EQUIPMENT ITEMS

JAMES O'ROURKE

Sympathies of Fernwood are extended to John Isherwood and Morgan VanHise, each of whom lost a sister; and to John Mellor, whose father recently passed away.

Ben Hancox, a blacksmith at Fernwood, has returned to work following a trip to the West Coast with the Trenton Shriners delegation. Ben reports a very enjoyable time.

Following in the footsteps of his dad, a navy veteran of World War I, and his two older brothers, both navy veterans of World War 2, James McKeever, youngest son of John McKeever, equipment operator, enlisted in the Navy for four years and is now in boot camp at Great Lakes Naval Training Station.

Among the recent college graduates is Donald Wain, son of Jack Wain, mechanic at Fernwood. Donald graduated from Lehigh University with a chemical engineering degree.

All set to enter the Seminary of the Marist Fathers in September to study for the priesthood is George Visokay, whose father, George, Sr., is a blacksmith at Fernwood and former boxer around the Trenton area.

Charlie Jones has returned to work following a two weeks' illness and is happy to be at his daily chores again.

One of the winners of scholarships awarded to graduates of Trenton High School is Leonard Dileo, whose father, Dan Dileo, is a painter at Fernwood.

The Committee that arranged the very successful outing held by the Equipment Division at Plagg's Grove on July 15 included the following: R. Brachelli, C. Seales, M. Lesnak, Bob Ettenger, Geo. Collins, Tim Brennan, John Rochford, J. Lyons, Geo. Buchanan, Don MacNeil, Geo. Engenach. Joe Thiel, Russ Hulse, and Tony Migliarini.

PLANNING and ECONOMICS

NEWARK

Preston E. Northrop

Tony Amabile is spending his vacation in putting the finishing touches on his new home near Princeton Junction. Ample acreage will enable Tony to extend his hobby of fancy poultry raising.

Dick and Mrs. Uth have announced their acquisition of a new home in Titusville—an attractive location with swimming practically in their back yard, so to speak. We wish them much happiness.

Another vacationist is Anna M. Judson, whose itinerary will include Mt. Ranier, Washington, and several points in British Columbia.

Francis Rooney is the proud father of a fine baby boy. Congratulations, especially to Mrs. Rooney who, at last, is making substantial progress toward recovery.

We are happy to see Joe Trainham at work again following a recovery from back injuries sustained while lifting traffic counters. Don't forget the rules for heavy lifting. Joe. An important one is to keep the heavy object close to the body.

Lois Guion has accepted a position with the Federal Government in Washington, D. C. If you wish to see your Congressman, she will help you cut the red tape. Good luck, Lois.

It is said that Ed Taylor is seeking a new home somewhere in proximity with our new Fernwood office. We appreciate the difficulty of such a quest and wish him quick success.

While enjoying the culinary excellence of the Highway Department's new cafeteria in Fernwood headquarters, we will be thinking of Peter Pannullo and his cheery "lunchman" call each day. Pete's good box lunches and the Bureau's coffee pots certainly ruined our

Maintenance Notes

CHARLES J. DOHERTY

On July 10, despite a virtual downpour of rain, the Maintenance Division was moved into its new quarters in the Highway Department Office Building. However, with all the furor and confusion created in the process of preparation, the moving was carried off with few or no hitches. Those of us who have had an opportunity of making an inspection of the new building will agree that it is one of the finest examples of the modern office building. The architect has accomplished something, not only from the standpoint of beauty, but utility as well. For once, it is safe to say that everyone will be able to work without the slightest trace of eye strain; and artificial lighting, while provided, will probably be used only at night, since the outer walls of the building are virtually one continuous area of glass. The interior of the offices, in keeping with the modern trend toward pastel shades, has a very pleasing effect. We understand that the transportation problem, too, has been solved, so that practically everyone is now able to get back and forth without too much inconvenience. It is a safe conclusion to say that this new building is a decided improvement over the old one.

Norm Horner, recently back from the "wars" at Pine Camp in New York State, where the National Guard has its annual training, reports that this time the going was especially rough. Apparently, the "brass" had every man on his toes, having in mind future possibilities. The training must have been a strain on Norm, since he was forced to take off the following week to rest up from his arduous tasks at Pine Camp.

We are sorry to report the deaths of Charles L. Sagers, of Almonesson, and Sidney Proctor, of Kenil. Mr. Sagers had been an assistant foreman with this Division under Supervisor J. W. Kelly, and had been with the Department since 1924. Mr. Proctor, formerly with our labor force, had been with the Department since 1939, having worked with Foreman Van-Shoick. To both families and relatives of the deceased men we extend our sympathies.

noonday appetites during our Newark sojourn.

TRENTON

B. T. Patterson

The Division welcomes Margaret Jemison, Harold Simon, Connie Mack, and James J. Alimena. May all your hours with us be pleasant ones.

We lost two fine boys recently—Roy Everson, who left to work with private industry, and Bill Kimball, who returned to college for graduate work. Bill wrote the following poem upon his departure:

DEPARTURE . . .
(Some Afterthoughts)

Patience, we are told, is a virtue, And you were patient with me. I came here quite unannounced, And I pass on silently.

While I was here you were tolerant, Considerate, courteous, and kind. But you would have been with another,

It's your way—to accept, to bind. The memories I bear are all pleasant, 'Twas you who made them that way.

In body I now am departing, In spirit, be sure, I shall stay.

It's a boy for the B. T. Pattersons. Mother and baby are doing nicely at the present writing.

Joe Kanda, Johnny Jones, Bob Nolan, and Tommy Frascella are to be congratulated for having passed the assistant Highway engineer examination.

Our Bud Bates and family are spending a very enjoyable ten days at Cape Cod.

Congratulations to George DeHahn upon appointment to the Mercer County Planning Board. We wish you every success, George.

Congratulations also to George Mendez, who recently received his professional engineer's license.



A portion of the huge parking area in the rear of the building which is laid out to accommodate 300 cars. Rear entrances to the building provide employees easy access to offices. A portion of the other buildings in the Fernwood tract can be seen in the left background.

PARKWAY PERSONALS

MARIE WALSH

Oliver A. Deakin, Parkway Engineer, served as host at the Annual Meeting of Coordinators, Division 1, held on June 21-23, at Princeton, N. J. From all reports it was a very interesting, well arranged and well attended meeting.

A new arrival for Mr. and Mrs. C. Ross Pell on June 30—David Charles, who tipped the scales at 7 lbs. 8½ oz. This is their second child and from all accounts mother and baby are doing fine. P. S.: Ross has fully recovered, too.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Quimby found the coolness of Vermont a welcome change from the terrific heat in Trenton during the 4th of July holidays.

Recently Mrs. Mary Hendrick attended the Penn State Alumni Reunion at State College, Pa., on June 8th to 10. Mrs. Hendrick did not meet any other New Jerseyites, but alumni from the West

Coast, and from Korea, Japan, and Honolulu made the trip.

Our representative at Pine Camp, N. Y., is First Lieut. Jack I. Wolfe, who is on 15 days military leave for summer field training with the 112th Field Artillery Group, New Jersey National Guard.

Having completed a course at Rutgers University, Leslie M. Keating is now a certified tree expert in New Jersey. At the present time Les is doing field inspection work on Rout 4 Parkway.

Russell Myers received his Masters Degree in Landscape Architecture at Harvard University on June 21, and also attended the commencement activities the following two days.

As usual, "photogenic" Joe Whalen was "in the limelight," according to photos taken of the Annual Coordinators Meeting. How do you do it, Joe?

The members of the Parkway Bureau wish to extend their deepest sympathy to Marie T. Walsh on the recent loss of her brother, Thomas J., after a long illness.

A MAN WITH A HOBBY



No doubt a lot of folks in the State Highway Department have hobbies. Not many, however, can point to one so unique as that of Foreman James E. Coleman of the Maintenance Division who spends a lot of his spare time restoring cars of ancient vintage to their original condition.

Jim brought a fine example of his work to Fernwood on the occasion of the Department's farewell to former Commissioner Spencer Miller, Jr. Bright as a new dollar, this 1914 Ford "phaeton" stood proudly on her 30 x 3½" tires while many people, who could not match her 36 years, looked on admiringly, and others, who were older, went back in memory to the rutted roads of yesterday.

Of course, to be authentic in his restoration, Coleman has passed up such new fangled gadgets as electric lights, storage battery, self-starter, and bumpers. The car passes each inspection, however, because these accessories were not part of the original equipment. In fact, the only new items on the car are the 1950 license plates and the inspection sticker.

One of the last items that Jim was able to find was the bulb-type horn. Prior to acquiring this he

had used a Klaxon. Another point of interest is the headlights which use tanked acetylene gas, and the cowl lights, which, true to tradition, burn kerosene.

Coleman says he has little or no trouble getting replacements for the car since all Fords between 1909 and 1927 had parts that were interchangeable. Whenever he needed some such item it was obtainable either in Newark, Somerville, or Chester, Pa.

Although he has two other cars, Coleman enjoys his frequent trips in the "tin Lizzie." He uses it only in fair weather, however, despite the fact that it is capable of running smoothly at 40 miles an hour and "will go up Dugway Hill in Watching with no trouble at all."

A lot of history is tied up in this old model auto. It is because of the success of this and others of its vintage that the State Highway Department is in business today. The transportation revolution wrought by the automobile was only a forecast when this job came off an early assembly line.